

CARE AND SUPPORT ACT CONSULTATION
INFORMATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARDS

Overview

The draft regulations and guidance for the Care and Support Act were published on June 6th, for consultation between June 6th and August 15th.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/updating-our-care-and-support-system-draft-regulations-and-guidance>

This consultation is only for the elements that come into effect in 2015/16, (consultation on the cap on care costs etc. which come into effect in 2016/17 will be planned at a later time).

There was a regional event in the East Midlands on June 9th, primarily for adult social care audience. This was the first of several planned events by DH/ADASS/LGA to engage in the regions. Presentation slides are available at this link <http://www.adass.org.uk/east-midlands-region/>.

The regulations and guidance documents are quite lengthy but the chapter headings will help you navigate to the sections you might wish to review in more depth. The guidance broadly covers duties and guidance relating to themed areas such as:

- Wellbeing
- Prevention
- Personalisation
- Integration
- Carers
- Info, advice, advocacy
- Assessment and eligibility (new national eligibility thresholds proposed/defined)
- Transitions
- Specific matters relating to Prisoners
- Market development
- Safeguarding
- Continuity of care when people move between authority boundaries.

There are a series of consultation questions which can be used to structure feedback in each chapter, general comments can also be submitted and are welcomed during the consultation. Following consultation final documentation will be published in October.

Engaging with Health and Wellbeing Boards

Boards will wish to be aware of this consultation and how to respond, and will wish to ensure NHS partners, other agencies and the public are aware of the consultation.

As a starting point HWB Board officers should contact their DASS to understand how the local adult social care team are engaged with the consultation and the local approach being taken to engagement to make sure there is coordination in terms of messaging with partners and the public. Your DASS will also have information about the local implementation plan and key milestones for this in your LA.

HWB Boards will wish to consider in particular the impact of the proposals on:

- Services users and carers
- Commissioning strategy for prevention
- How the proposals relate to the local joint health and wellbeing strategy and the better care fund plan
- The potential impact on the service model(s) and costs of providing adult social care support and any risks this presents. (this is subject to some national modelling work across a number of LAs, a process which your DASS will already be engaged with)

Please consider this item for your next scheduled HWB board meeting/development session, or if there are no scheduled meetings of the Board within the consultation period, discuss with your DASS how to actively engage the Board in other ways, and support them with briefing materials.

Additional Materials/Information

There are 11 fact sheets to support the consultation documents which can be accessed at this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-part-1-factsheets>

An easy read version is available at this weblink

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/317822/Care Act_easyread.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/317822/Care_Act_easyread.pdf)

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